

Waters	Westmoreland	Woolsey
Watson	Whitfield	Yarmuth
Watt	Wilson (OH)	Young (AK)
Waxman	Wilson (SC)	Young (FL)
Weiner	Wittman	
Welch	Wolf	

## NOES—2

Chaffetz Issa

## NOT VOTING—26

Alexander	Fallin	McMorris
Barrett (SC)	Gohmert	Rodgers
Brown-Waite,	Gordon (TN)	Melancon
Ginny	Hall (NY)	Minnick
Burton (IN)	Harman	Myrick
Buyer	Hastings (FL)	Radanovich
Cardoza	Hodes	Rangel
Davis (AL)	Hoekstra	Speier
Davis (IL)	Marchant	Wu
DeFazio		

□ 1306

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be on the House Floor for rollcall votes 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 589, 590, 591 and 592.

Had I been present I would have voted: "Yea" on rollcall vote 581; "yea" on rollcall vote 582; "nay" on rollcall vote 583; "nay" on rollcall vote 584; "yea" on rollcall vote 585; "yea" on rollcall vote 586; "nay" on rollcall vote 587; "nay" on rollcall vote 588; "nay" on rollcall vote 589; "yea" on rollcall vote 590; "yea" on rollcall vote 591; and "yea" on rollcall vote 592.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, on vote number 590 that was recently taken, I was detained in a hearing in the Intelligence Committee and did not vote on the adoption of H. Con. Res. 323, supporting the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust survivors in the United States are able to live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years. As a cosponsor of that bill, I would have voted "yes" had I been present.

## FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2011

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the rule, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 101) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

## H.J. RES. 101

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Public Law 111-242) is amended by striking the date specified in section 106(3) and inserting "December 18, 2010".*

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LARSEN of Washington). Pursuant to House Resolution 1741, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) and the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.J. Res. 101.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 2 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is one page long. It does only one thing: It changes the date so we can keep the government running from this Friday, December 3 to Saturday, December 18. Otherwise, the government would shut down. For the 2 weeks we are extending the current CR, it will provide us and the Senate time to consider the full year CR and the nominees that the administration should be sending us today.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Mr. Speaker, by any definition, this year's appropriations process has been a complete and utter failure. We are now 5 weeks past the beginning of the new fiscal year and Congress has yet to enact a single appropriations bill. Out of 12 total bills, two have passed the House, while 10 bills were never even considered by the full committee.

Even more astonishing, Mr. Speaker, is this fact: During all of 2010, the full appropriations committee met just once—in July—and that meeting occurred almost a full year since the last time the committee met—in July of 2009.

□ 1310

This record is all the more striking when you consider the fact that the House has spent week after week, month after month considering hundreds of insignificant bills, while ignoring the substantive work required of the Congress to pass a Federal budget.

Today, the House is considering a 2-week extension of the current continuing resolution. Chairman OBEY and the Democrat leadership are hoping that 2 weeks will be enough time to muster enough Democratic votes to pass a massive 12-bill package, loaded with earmarks, with a price tag exceeding \$1.1 trillion. If they succeed, House Democrats will pass an omnibus without a single Republican vote.

Democratic staff in the House and the Senate began negotiations on the omnibus spending bill after Members of Congress left Washington in October. Realizing that these negotiations excluded input from the elected Members

of Congress, and recognizing the likelihood that these negotiations would lead to yet another massive trillion-dollar government spending bill, I directed my staff not to engage in these negotiations. While Democratic staff was focused on additional ways to spend money, Republican staffers on the committee were working to identify spending cuts.

As I have made clear time and time again, I am strongly, unequivocally opposed to any potential omnibus spending bill the Democratic leadership may be planning to bring to the House floor before the end of the year. Likewise, I remain adamantly opposed to extending the CR for the balance of the fiscal year to current spending levels, which are, frankly, too darn high. I am encouraging my leadership and each of my colleagues who are concerned about excessive spending to oppose any effort to pass an omnibus or extend the CR beyond February.

Voters have made it abundantly clear that they want Congress to cut spending, starting today. There is no better place to begin this process than by returning to the U.S. Treasury unobligated funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, one of the most costly and ineffective bills in modern history. For this very reason, I introduced legislation on November 15 to immediately rescind billions of dollars of unspent stimulus funding and immediately applying those dollars to the deficit. I am hopeful that rescinding this funding will be among the first orders of business in the 112th Congress.

This commitment to cut spending will also consist of rescinding previously appropriated dollars passed under the current Democratic majority as well as dramatically scaling back funding proposed by the President in his final 2 years in office.

I believe we ought to extend the CR until February, allowing the House Republicans the opportunity to begin putting our Nation's fiscal house in order by completing the FY 11 appropriations bills at an FY 2008 level or below, and saving taxpayers at least \$100 billion. It would be the clearest signal the House could send to the American people that we got the message and take seriously their commitment to cutting spending.

Should the Democratic leadership muster the votes to pass an omnibus in its last-gasp effort to spend yet another trillion-plus dollars, every penny above and beyond the 2008 levels will be on the chopping block come January. Or put another way, if House Democrats use their last 4 weeks in power to spend another \$1.1 trillion, House Republicans will rescind every penny above and beyond the 2008 levels when the new Congress convenes.

Mr. Speaker, I believe we should have shut down the government, but I cannot and will not support this CR because it continues unsustainable levels of spending established last year. At a